

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 28, 2007. Claims 11, 13, and 23 are amended, and no claims are added or cancelled. Claims 1-32 are now pending in view of the above amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicants' remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. In addition, Applicants request that the Examiner carefully review any references discussed below to ensure that Applicants' understanding and discussion of the references, if any, is consistent with the Examiner's understanding.

I. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 11, 13, and 23 due to various informalities mentioned in the Office Action. In response, Applicants have amended these claims as suggested by the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to these claims be withdrawn.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10, 12, and 14-22 is appreciated. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of those claims.

III. Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claim 26 of United States Patent 6,898,632. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer relative to United States Patent 6,898,632 in

order to overcome this rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the terminal disclaimer.

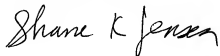
In the Office Action, the Examiner also provisionally rejects claim 23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claim 15 of United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/735,417. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer relative to United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/735,417 in order to overcome this provisional rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended or presently pending are in allowable form and that every issue raised by the Office Action has been addressed. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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